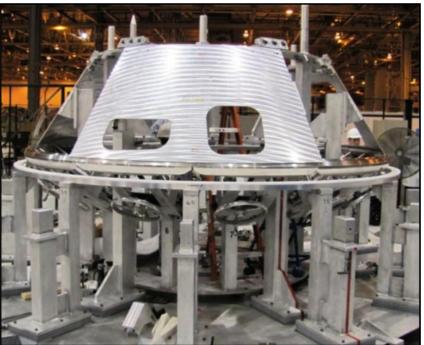


Preparation continues for the upcoming Pad Abort 1 flight test in early May. The team performed a stack alignment laser shoot (shown left,) conducted a successful flight test article post stack functional test, installed the Launch Abort System thermal protective cover (shown below right) to begin obtaining data for thermal launch constraints and installed and mated the main vehicle batteries (shown below left) to the avionics hardware.









Work continues on the Ground Test Article (GTA) at the Michoud Assembly Facility (MAF) in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The trimming process began this week on the confidence panels (shown right). These panels provide a representative geometry to validate the weld schedule & procedures, prior to welding the GTA Cone and Mid Ring assembly. Shown above is the positioning of the slings to load the clamp used to hold the confidence panels in place during trim operations.

